

Executive Director Report
January 27, 2011

Budget

- Governor's proposed budget recommends funding the DPC for 11.2 personnel year (py) in 2010-11 and 8.4 py in 2011-12. Current year budget, which includes the Economic Sustainability Plan, is funded at 5.2 million and proposed budget for 2011-12 is at 1.3 million.

Administration

- Commission staffs' Request for Personnel Action was approved. As of December 2, 2010, three Environmental Planner positions have been filled.
- Four Request for Proposals for the Economic Sustainability Plan Phase II for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta were received. Staff is currently working with the State Lands Commission on hiring the selected consultant by February, 2011.
- Staff is currently working on the Strategic Plan. The Plan will run through 2011 and will be implemented for 5 years. Updates will be provided bimonthly.
- Commissioners should remind their respective County Planning Departments that the 180 day clock has begun for counties to incorporate the Land Use and Resource Management Plan with their general plans.

Project Management/Facilitation

- Staff is working with Contra Costa and Solano Counties for their adoption of the Great Delta Trail Blueprint Reports. Upon adoption, staff will enter into discussions with the remaining Delta counties on developing Great Delta Trail Blueprints for their counties.
- Staff worked with the Economic Sustainability Plan (ESP) and the Primary Zone Study consultants to finalize the Phase I Report of the ESP and the Primary Zone Study. Consistent with the legislation, a cover letter of the Primary Zone Report has been forwarded to the Legislature.
- Staff is meeting with Ducks Unlimited (subcontractors on the Delta Working Landscapes contracts) to view potential waterfowl habitat project sites in the North Delta.

- Staff assisted with promotion and coordination for, and will attend the Delta AgriTourism workshop in Rio Vista on February 2nd. AgriTourism workshops are sponsored by the DPC, UC Small Farms Program, and California Department of Food and Agriculture to discuss and explore potential agriculture related development and promotion throughout the Delta.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Staff attended the Walnut Grove Rotary Meeting to discuss the Commission's projects and role within the State and other agencies.
- Staff met with the Delta Stewardship Council, the Delta Conservancy, and representatives from the Delta Counties Coalition to discuss coordination with regards to the Economic Sustainability Plan implementation in the DSC's Delta Plan.
- Staff participated in the Interagency Coordination meeting with the Delta Stewardship Council.
- Staff attended the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society's January meeting for potential collaborative opportunities on the Delta National Heritage Area project.
- Staff met with National Park Service Regional National Heritage Area Co-Coordinator to discuss status of Delta National Heritage Area feasibility study and receive guidance on work to be completed in 2011.
- Staff made a presentation at the Central Delta Water Agency monthly meeting on DPC activities.
- Staff participated in a discussion coordinated by the University of the Pacific with Delta Water Agencies and Southern California Retail Water Users to discuss Delta water uses, regional self sufficiency, flows, and surplus water availability.
- Staff met with Mike McKeever of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to discuss the Rural to Urban Connection Strategies project and its applicability to the Delta and possible input to the ESP.